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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BOMBAY 19 JUL 78
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1. ON JULY 14 AND 15 K.C. KHANNA, THE BOMBAY RESIDENT EDITOR
OF THE TIMES OF INDIA, MENTIONED TO ME THE REPORTED SOVIET
OFFER OF ENRICHED URANIUM. ON THE FIRST OCCASION I TOLD KHANNA
THAT I DOUBTED THAT THE GOI WOULD ENTER INTO ANY DISCUSSION WITH
THE SOVIETS ABOUT REPLACING THE U.S. AS A SUPPLIER OF ENRICHED
URANIUM FOR TARAPUR BECAUSE SUCH ACTION COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A
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BREACH OF INDIAN OBLIGATION IN THE INDO-U.S. BILATERALS. KHANNA
REPLIED THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TIMES REPORTED, SUBHASH
CHAKRAVARTI, WHO FILED STORY HAD GOTTEN HIS FACTS STRAIGHT.
HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THHAT THE SOVIET MOVE MIGHT BE MORE OF AN
APPROACH THAN AN OFFER. THE NEXT DAY KHANNA TOLD ME THAT HE HAD
CHECKED FACTUAL BASIS OF STORY AND WAS CERTAIN THAT SOVIETS
INDEED HAVE MADE CLEAR TO TO GOI THAT THEY WOULD HELP OUT IF

NEEDED WITH ENRICHED URANIUM FOR TARAPUR.

2. HOWEVER TODAY SETHNA IN A DISCUSSION OF OTHER NUCLEAR
SUBJECTS VIGOROUSLY DENIED THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THESE
STORIES TERMING THE REPORT A LOT OF POPPYCOCK. HE SAID
ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD PUT INDIA IN A POSITION WHERE IT
COULD BE ACCUSED OF BREACH OF CONTRACT. HE ADDED THAT RUSSIAN
HAD INQUIRED ABOUT GENESIS OF STORY SINCE THEY MADE NO SUCH
OFFER. I SAID THAT WE HAD NOTED GOI DENIAL AND CERTAINLY WERE
AS PERPLEXED AS HE IS ABOUT ORIGIN OF THESE STORIES.
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